

LIGHT AND FOG SIGNAL, MAUMEE BAY, NEAR TOLEDO,
OHIO.

JANUARY 30, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state
of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CORLISS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1969.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1969) making an appropriation for a light and fog-signal station at or near terminus of what is known as the Straight Channel, in Maumee Bay, near Toledo, Ohio, beg leave to submit the correspondence from the Treasury Department favoring this legislation, and suggesting certain amendments, and recommend that the bill do pass with amendments.

Amend by striking out all of lines 3, 4, 5, and including the word "station" in line 6, and insert the following words: "That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish a light vessel with a fog signal."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Washington, D. C., May 27, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your committee of May 26, 1896, inclosing H. R. bill No. 1969, "making an appropriation for a light and fog signal at or near the terminus of what is known as the Straight Channel, in Maumee Bay, near Toledo, Ohio," with a request for suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply, I beg leave to say that this matter was referred to the Light-House Board for examination and report.

The Board, after having considered the matter at its session of May 4, 1896, found itself unable to recommend the construction of a light-house at the entrance to Maumee Channel at the present time, but instead decided to take the proper measures for placing a light vessel with a fog signal at this point until the completion of the channel improvements.

It is therefore suggested that the bill in question be so amended as to appropriate \$25,000 for the construction of a light vessel for this purpose.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. HAMLIN, *Acting Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,
House of Representatives.